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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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Region V
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**RE: Sauget Area 2, Site Q, Sauget/Cahokia, IL
Inmont Corporation**

Dear Mr. McAteer:

We are writing in response to the Special Notice of Potential Liability letter dated June 23 directed to Inmont Corporation, which was forwarded to us by United Technologies Corporation and only recently received by this office.


As an initial matter, on March 5, 1999, we forwarded a letter to you advising that, pursuant to BASF Corporation's acquisition of the former Inmont Corporation and subsequent agreements, BASF Corporation was the entity required to respond to this matter on behalf of Inmont. We note from the June 23 letter that you list Inmont Corporation as a PRP for Site Q with addresses to United Technologies as well as a former location of BASF. BASF has no record of receiving the Special Notice Letter directly and we ask that you direct any future correspondence regarding this matter to Office of the General Counsel, BASF Corporation, 3000 Continental Drive North, Mt. Olive, NJ 07828-1234. Electronic communications can be forwarded to the e-mail address listed above.

As reported in our responses to the EPA's initial and supplemental 104(e) inquiries, BASF Corporation has twice undertaken a comprehensive investigation and has not discovered any nexus to Sauget Area 2 (Site Q) or that any hazardous substances originating from Inmont were deposited there. Our March 5, 1999, letter also stated that BASF could not reasonably respond to the agency's demands until it was demonstrated that legal liability attached. That letter formally requested specific

information regarding the basis for EPA's allegation that hazardous substances from Inmont Corporation were transported to Area 2/Site Q such that Inmont was liable for conditions there. We also requested additional information and copies of documents. However, EPA did not respond to these requests.

In the interim, we have not uncovered any information indicating that Inmont Corporation is legally responsible for response costs at the site.

Very truly yours,



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